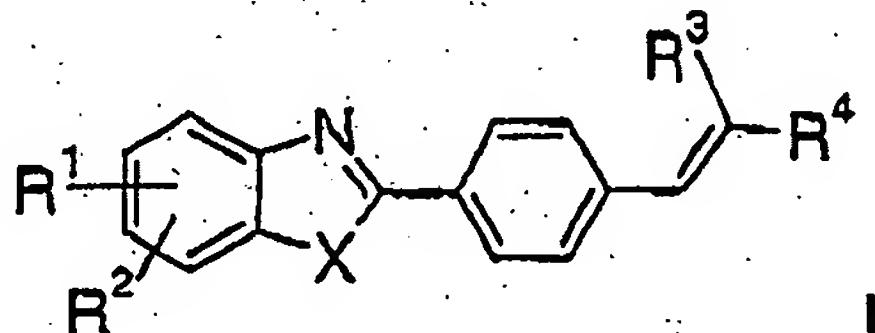


Please amend the claims as follows:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Original): A compound of general formula I



wherein

R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> are, independently from each other, hydrogen; halogen; hydroxy; (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>20</sub>)-alkyl; (C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>20</sub>)-alkenyl; or (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>20</sub>)-alkoxy;

X is oxygen or an imino group, optionally substituted with R<sup>1</sup>;

R<sup>3</sup> and R<sup>4</sup> are, independently from each other, cyano; -COOR<sup>5</sup>; -COR<sup>6</sup>; -CONH<sub>2</sub>; -CONHR<sup>7</sup>; or -CONR<sup>8</sup>R<sup>9</sup>;

R<sup>5</sup>, R<sup>6</sup>, R<sup>7</sup>, R<sup>8</sup> and R<sup>9</sup> are, independently from each other, hydrogen; (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>20</sub>)-alkyl, wherein one or more methylene groups are optionally replaced by one or more oxygens; (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>20</sub>)-haloalkyl; (C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>20</sub>)-alkenyl, optionally substituted by tri-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>5</sub>)-alkylsilyl, triphenylsilyl or a group -Si[CH<sub>3</sub>]<sub>n</sub>[OSi(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]<sub>3-n</sub>, wherein n is 0, 1, 2 or 3.

2. (Original): A compound according to claim 1 wherein X is O.

3. (Currently amended): A compound according to claim 1 or 2 wherein R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> are hydrogen.

4. (Currently amended): A compound according to claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1-3~~ wherein R<sup>3</sup> is cyano and R<sup>4</sup> is -COOR<sup>5</sup>.

5. (Original): A compound according to claim 4 which is:

2-cyano-3-{4-[5-tert.-butyl-benzoxazol-2-yl]-phenyl}-acrylic acid 2-ethylhexyl ester

or

2-cyano-3-{4-benzoxazol-2-yl-phenyl}-acrylic acid 2-ethylhexyl ester.

6. (Currently amended): The compound according to claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1 to 3~~, wherein  $R^3$  and  $R^4$  are, independently from each other,  $-COOR^5$ .

7. (Original) A compound according to claim 6 which is:

2-(4-benzoxazol-2-yl-benzylidene)-malonic acid diethyl ester;

2-(4-benzoxazol-2-yl-benzylidene)-malonic acid dibutyl ester;

3-{4-benzoxazol-2-yl-phenyl}-2-propionyl-acrylic acid 2-ethylhexyl ester;

2-(4-[6-hydroxy-benzoxazol-2-yl]-benzylidene)-malonic acid diethyl ester;

2-(4-[6-{2-ethylhexyl-oxy}-benzoxazol-2-yl]-benzylidene)-malonic acid diethyl ester;

or

2-(4-[6-[2-(2-ethoxy-ethoxy)-ethoxy]-benzoxazol-2-yl]-benzylidene)-malonic acid diethyl ester.

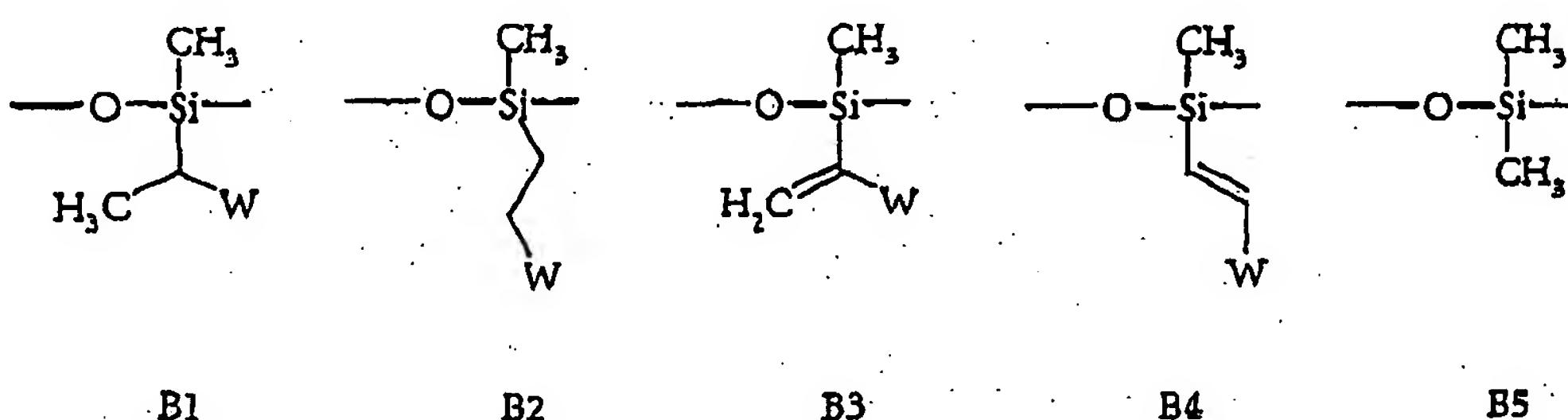
8. (Original): A polysiloxane of the general formula



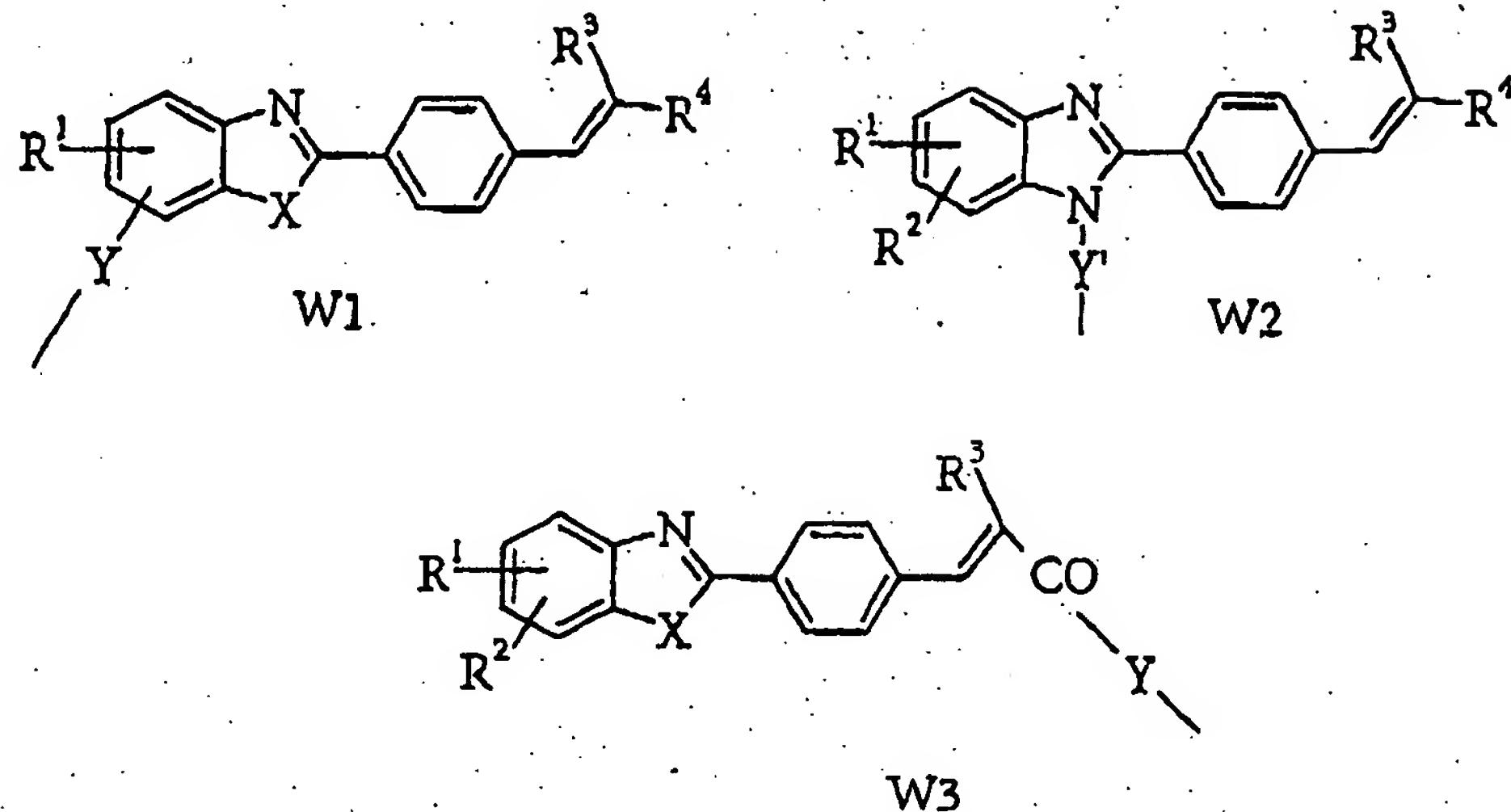
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wherein

B is a residue selected from the group consisting of B1, B2, B3, B4 and B5;



W is a residue from the group consisting of W1, W2 and W3



wherein X, R1, R2, R3 and R4 are as defined in claim 1 above; Y is oxygen; (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>20</sub>)-alkylene, (C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>20</sub>)-alkenylene, or -O-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>20</sub>)-alkylene; and Y' is (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>20</sub>)-alkylene or (C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>20</sub>)-alkenylene.

q is an integer between 1 and 400 and represents the sum of residues B1 to B5 in arbitrary sequence,

wherein at least one B is B1, B2, B3 or B4, the ratio

$$(B1+B2+B3+B4)/(B1+B2+B3+B4+B5)$$

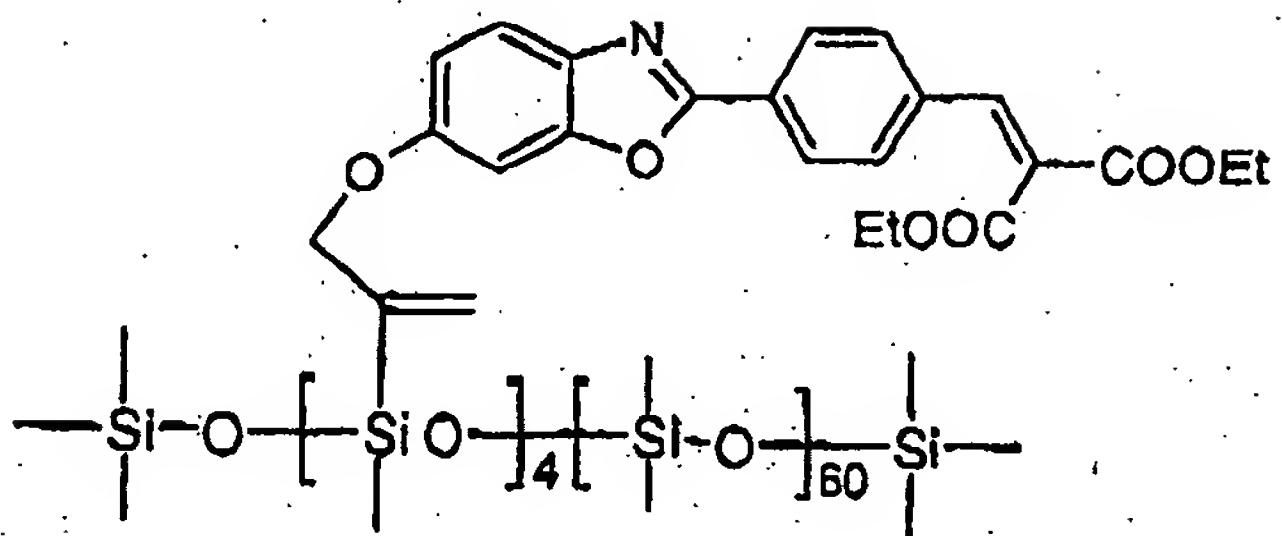
not exceeding 0.6.

9. (Original): A polysiloxane according to claim 8, wherein q is an integer between 2 and 100.

10. (Currently amended): A polysiloxane according to claim 8 [[or 9]], wherein the ratio

$$(B1+B2+B3+B4)/(B1+B2+B3+B4+B5)$$
 varies between 0.01 and 0.4.

11. (Currently amended): A polysiloxane according to claim 10 which is



12. (Cancelled).

13. (Currently amended): A method ~~The use of a compound according to~~  
~~claim 12~~ for protecting human skin or human hair from UV-A irradiation comprising  
applying a photoprotective amount of a compound according to claim 1 to the human  
skin or human hair.

14. (Currently amended): A method ~~The use of a compound according to~~ claim ~~12~~ for protecting a plastic materials ~~and~~ or a medicinal product[[s]] that is are sensitive to UV radiation from UV-A irradiation comprising applying a photoprotective amount of a compound according to claim 1 to the plastic material or medicinal product.

15. (Currently amended): A composition Compositions comprising a one or more compound[[s]] according to claim 1 of anyone of claims 1 to 11 and at least one pharmaceutically and/or cosmetically acceptable excipient.

16. (Currently amended): A composition according to claim 15, wherein the compound according to claim 1 is /compounds of anyone of claims 1 to 11 are present in an amount varying between 0.5 and 20 % by weight of the total amount of the composition.

17. (Currently amended): A composition according to claim 16 wherein the compound according to claim 1 is /compounds of anyone of claims 1 to 11 are present in an amount varying between 0.5 and 12% by weight of the total amount of the composition.

18. (Currently amended): A composition according to claim 15, ~~16 or 17~~ which is a topical composition.

19. (Canceled).

20. (New): A composition according to claim 16 which is a topical composition.

21. (New): A composition according to claim 17 which is a topical composition.